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# ROMAN RESEARCH PAPER

## THESIS STATEMENT PRACTICE

Use your thesis statement handout to answer the following questions. When you are finished **and have had your work checked** by Ms. Hamm or Ms. CK you may start working on your research.

Circle the statement below that is the **best** thesis statement:

1. I think school uniforms are stupid and that they should be banned.
2. School uniforms should be banned because they limit personal expression, create additional cost for families, and do not reflect current business attire.
3. School uniforms at Washington Latin consist of khaki skirts, pants, or shorts, a Latin polo, and sometimes outerwear with the Latin logo.
4. This paper will discuss the problems associated with school uniforms and why they should be banned.

Which of the following **problems** are shown in the two statements you did not choose as the best thesis statement? Write the number of the statement that demonstrates the problem you chose.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> it is a statement of fact | <input type="checkbox"/> it is a “duh” statement              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> it is a personal opinion  | <input type="checkbox"/> it uses personal pronouns            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> it is too general         | <input type="checkbox"/> it cannot be argued/no judgment      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> it is a question          | <input type="checkbox"/> it does not state the author’s point |

Based on the thesis statement you selected as the best thesis statement, write down what you would expect the **three body paragraphs** of the paper to be about. (This is the scope of the paper.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel prepared to write your own thesis statement for your research paper?

- ☐ yes, absolutely      ☐ maybe, with help      ☐ no! I’m freaking out